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Re: Attorney Docket No. 1009.004CIP

In re application of: Mark R. Allen

Serial No.: 09/339,616  
Filed: June 24, 1999

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For: Preferred Embodiment to LED Light String

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102

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Applicant asserts that the invention of the subject application is special on the grounds of  
1) energy efficiency in utilization and conservation of energy resources and 2) prospective  
manufacture.

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I. Energy

Applicant asserts the present invention materially contributes to the efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources including the reduction of energy assumptions.

The typical incandescent-based light string consumes 18 watts of electricity per string of 100 lights. The light string of this patent application consumes only 1.98 watts of electricity per string of 100 lights. This is an energy saving of greater than 95%. In consideration of the hundreds of millions of light sets used during the holiday season, this energy saving becomes dramatic.

Additionally the EPA has been contacted and the Applicant is in the process of applying for participation in the ENERGY STAR program. The Applicant has been assured by the EPA representative that the invention qualifies for participation in the ENERGY STAR program.

In addition, since holiday and decorative lights have become a disposable commodity, as evidenced by over 60,000,000 (sixty million) boxes being imported to the U.S. annually. These lights normally last a maximum of one season and are then disposed into landfills. The lights of the present application are designed for longevity and are sold with a five-year guarantee, thereby significantly reducing landfill waste.

II. Prospective Manufacture Ready

Applicant asserts that through its manufacturing business of Fiber Optic Design, a quota contract of 5,000,000 (five million) packages of the subject invention for the fiscal year 2000 has been obtained.

The manufacture of the invention is currently under contract with three (3) separate manufacturers where such manufacture is pending the formal allowance and issuance of the filed

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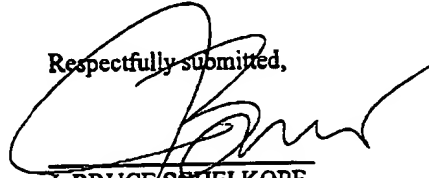
application. Upon obtaining a notice of allowance of claims or issuance of the patent, it is anticipated that manufacture of the original quota of 5,000,000 shall commence. As a national sales force with showrooms has also been established, it is further anticipated that the entire quota will be pre-sold by the second week of January 2000, such that additional manufacturing agreement will have to be negotiated.

Applicant further asserts that Applicant has become familiar with and has a good knowledge of the competition and the relevant prior art, and that it appears that the present application claims an invention which is novel and unique.

Applicant therefore asserts that the application warrants "special" status.

A fee of \$130.00 is enclosed herewith; however, in view of the efficient utilization of energy of the present invention, Applicant believes the fee should be waived under 37 CFR 1.102(c). Where Examiner agrees, kindly refund said fee. If the Examiner finds this argument unpersuasive, kindly apply the fee towards the granting of the Application under 37 CFR 1.102(d).

Respectfully submitted,



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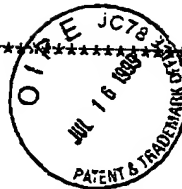
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in the above identified application.

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